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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: IRAQ WEST BANK

11. SUMMARY: THE DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION IN IRAQ AND THE SITUATION IN THE WEST BANK DOMINATED COVERAGE IN UAE PRINT

- AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA. EDITORIALS IN BOTH "AL KHALEEJ" AND "AKHBAR AL ARAB" NOTED THAT THE PALESTINIANS WOULD BECOME IMPRISONED BECAUSE OF THE SECOND FENCE SHARON IS PLANNING TO BUILD. ANOTHER EDITORIAL IN "AL ITTIHAD" NOTED THE DIFFICULTIES OF ACHIEVING SECURITY AND STABILITY IN IRAQ. ANOTHER EDITORIAL IN "AL KHALEEJ" STATED THAT THE AMERICAN OCCUPATION IN IRAQ IS THE PROBLEM, NOT THE SOLUTION. END SUMMARY.
- 12. UNDER THE HEADLINE "CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE WORLD IS IN COMA," DUBAI-BASED BUSINESS-ORIENTED "AL BAYAN" EDITORIALIZED 10/27:
- "... WHAT HAPPENED IN GAZA YESTERDAY WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST WAR CRIMES. WHAT HAPPENED WAS NOT NEW FOR THE PROFESSIONALS IN KILLING AND BLOODSHED. THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THESE PEOPLE DIED SINCE DAIR YASEEN AND KOFOR QASEM, WHEN THEY COMMITTED THEIR MASSACRES... WE ARE WONDERING, DID THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE ZIONISTS DIE..WELL, THEN WHERE IS THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE WORLD REGARDING WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR BROTHERS IN PRECIOUS PALESTINE?... IT IS TIME FOR US TO WAKE UP TO SAVE WHAT WE CAN IN PALESTINE, WHERE THE SLAUGHTERER SHARON VIOLATED ITS (PALESTINE) BLOOD, LANDS, AND HOLY PLACES."
- 13. COMMENTING ON THE DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION IN IRAQ, ABU DHABI-BASED SEMI-GOVERNMENT "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIALIZED 10/27:
- "... THE DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION IN IRAQ IS VERY WORRYING, IT EMPHASIZES THAT THE ROAD TO ACHIEVING SECURITY AND STABILITY IS STILL FACING DIFFICULTIES... ANY DELAY OR SLOWNESS IN REBUILDING IRAQ WITH ALL ITS SECURITY, POLITICAL, ECONOMICAL, AND SOCIAL ASPECTS, WILL LEAD TO A CRISIS THAT NO ONE EXCEPT GOD KNOWS WHERE IT WILL REACH..."
- 14. NOTING THAT THE AMERICAN OCCUPATION OF IRAQ IS THE PROBLEM AND NOT THE SOLUTION, SHARJAH-BASED PAN-ARAB DAILY "AL-KHALEEJ" EDITORIALIZED 10/27:
- "THE AMERICAN OCCUPATION OF IRAQ IS THE PROBLEM NOT THE SOLUTION WAS WHAT DR. EVO DALDAR, A RESEARCHER IN BROOKINGS INSTITUTE, SAID IN HIS INTERVIEW WITH 'AL KHALEEJ' YESTERDAY... THE INTERESTS OF IRAQ AND IRAQIS AND ALL ARABS IS NOT IN THE AMERICAN AGENDA, ESPECIALLY WITH THIS CURRENT ADMINISTRATION..."
- 15. COMMENTING ON THE OTHER FENCE THAT SHARON IS PLANNING TO BUILD, ABU DHABI-BASED PAN-ARAB DAILY "AKHBAR AL ARAB" EDITORIALIZED 10/26:
- "... THE GOAL BEHIND BUILDING THIS FENCE IS CLEAR AND SURE AND IS SIMILAR TO THE FIRST FENCE, WHICH IS GOBBLING UP THE BIGGEST AMOUNT POSSIBLE OF THE PALESTINIAN LANDS, IN ADDITION TO ENCIRCLING THE PALESTINIANS IN THE WEST BANK, THAT WILL REALLY BECOME A BIG PRISON..."
- 16. NOTING THAT THE PALESTINIANS WILL BECOME IMPRISONED BECAUSE OF THE NEW FENCE SHARON IS PLANNING TO BUILD, "AL KHALEEJ" EDITORIALIZED 10/26:
- "... WHOEVER LOOKS AT THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE WEST BANK AND AT THE TWO EAST AND WEST FENCES REALIZES THAT THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WILL BECOME IMPRISONED AND THE WEST BANK WILL BECOME THE BIGGEST PRISON IN HISTORY..."
- 17. OTHERS: "AL ITTIHAD" CARRIED OUT A REPRINT OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RONALD RUMSFELD'S OP-ED THAT WAS PUBLISHED IN LOS ANGELES TIMES AND WASHINGTON POST. THIS OP-ED MARKED THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON U.S. MARINES IN LEBANON.

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